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Walt Pettit

FROM

Gary M. Carlton

Executive Director

Executive Officer

DATE:

9 September 1999

SIGNATURE:

SUBJECT:

REMEDIATION PLAN FOR THE WALKER MINE ACID MINE DRAINAGE

ABATEMENT PROJECT

I am hereby submitting a Remediation Plan to the State Board for approval under Water Code Sections 13397 and 13398. Section 13397 allows public agencies to reduce the threat to water quality caused by abandoned mined lands without becoming responsible for completely remediating abandoned mine waste to a point that meets water quality objectives and related regulatory requirements.

The purpose of the Remediation Plan for the Walker Mine Acid Mine Drainage Abatement Project is to describe the Regional Board's involvement at the site and to limit Regional Board's responsibilities for current and past remedial activities and for discharges affected by the activities of the Regional Water Board. Cedar Point Properties, the current property owner, is legally responsible for the site and is required (through an NPDES permit, Cease and Desist Order, and Cleanup and Abatement Order) to maintain the existing remedial structures and to conduct remedial activities under Regional Board oversight.

I request that your staff submit this Remediation Plan to the State Board for their consideration and approval under Water Code Sections 13397 and 13398. If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 255-3039 or your staff may call Patrick Morris at (916) 255-3121.

Enclosure

cc:

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